Preliminary Amendment

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, it is first necessary to narrow down the number of target proteins to a reasonable number and select "representative structures". As a comprehensive three-dimensional structure analysis, projects having selected analysis targets from various viewpoints are initiated: for example, a) specifying relatively small sets of proteins as targets; b) specifying the kind of organisms having a small genome size such as hyperthermophilic archaebacterium, extreme thermophile, and mycoplasma; c) specifying life phenomena, such as proteins involved in signal transduction or gene expression, and proteins as disease-associated gene products, and proteins involved in signal transmission or gene expression.

Please delete the text on page 3, line 1:

Disclosure of the Invention